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Dear Peter:

Thank you for your letter of January 16/94 and Chart of Whitlock .15 which was very helpful. It seems obvious from the information given on the chart that this is not my Whitlock line.

I have already checked the 1993 IGI on CD for the Mullen, Turney & Chard marriages but no luck anywhere. No luck in London either as you will see on the enclosed pages. I too have wondered if any of them appear on the 1851 Census Indexes but haven't had access to any of them. Perhaps someday someone will consolidate all these 1851 indexes and make a master index.

I agree that so far the most likely family seems to be the Kirk Hammerton one but being so far away from London/Essex/Surrey it seems so remote. With this strange family I suppose anything is possible. Perhaps I should research this family more thoroughly and see if I can eliminate it from contention. I'll write to Raymond Skinner and see what he can suggest.

As you can see from the enclosed info, I spent 2 part days at the Greater London Record Office. This is where the parish registers for East London are kept so I had hoped to track down Hilary Charles and his family in Stepney. It is like looking for a needle in a hay stack and particularly difficult since the family was at one point Non-conformists and could have continued as such. I was trying to locate the 2nd marriage of Hilary Charles and the baptism of the children from that marriage. I also tried to locate the Turney/Chard families, their marriages and baptisms of their children. The only success I had was in locating 2 more children of Isaac & Hannah Whitlock, Baker of Camberwell. The bp of their son William in 1817 would seem to confirm that I have the correct marriage in 1816 at St. Bartholomew the Great since the dates coincide nicely. If Isaac remained in Camberwell perhaps I could find him on the 1851 Census. Discovering his place of birth would be a real breakthrough on this family. With my luck though they probably moved away or Isaac died pre 1851.

It is strange that I can find Charles Whitlock (he must have dropped the name Hilary) on the 1857 Directory and perhaps his son William with the Iron and Brass foundary. However I can't find either of them in any later directories. They were both still living in Stepney in 1861 but no trace in any directory. The Charles Whitlock in Dover in 1866 is most probably the s/o Hilary Charles (see Birth Certificate extract). He was listed on the 1861 Census with his mother at St. Mary Dover and she was a Hardware Dealer. According to the Civil Reg. Indexes, Charles m. in Dover in 1873.

I hope some of the other Whitlock info that I turned up might be of interest to you and other researchers. The indexes are great but unfortunately most stop at 1837. It is a coincidence that John & Sarah at Prospect Place in the 1841 Census should turn up in the Cemetary records. According to the IGI, John Paul m. Sarah Mott Oct 6 1834 at St. Dunstan Stepney and their son John Mott (the name I couldn't make out in the Cemetery records) bp Nov 8 1835 at same. Couldn't see other children's bapt on IGI. Perhaps with the addition of his middle name you can discover where this Whitlock was born since it wasn't Middlesex. The other grave could be that of the family of James Whitlock who m. Mary Hacknes Dec 17, 1815 St. Dunstan Stepney. Their son David was bp Mar 26, 1826 at same and I think it was his son James H. (James Hazeltine s/o David & Amelia Apr 10, 1853 St. Thomas Stepney) who was buried in 1865. James George s/o James & Mary was bp Oct 9, 1831 at St. Dunstan. In 1871 David, Barge Blder & Amelia were living in parish of St. Paul Shadwell.

I spent a morning at St. Catherines House obtaining Certificates for myself and friends. What a zoo that place is!!! As you can see I obtained the Birth Certificate for Charles Whitlock, s/o Hilary Charles. I wanted to discover his mother's maiden name since I hadn't been able to locate her marriage entry. What a surprise to discover that she was Emma Fairhead since this was the surname of Hilary's first wife, Eliza Mary. At first I thought that I had been wrong about the death of his first wife but then decided it must be 2 different women since the 1851 Census states that Emma was born about 1810 at Beckenham (Kent?). So here I have yet another puzzle with this Whitlock family. Who was Emma? Younger sister of Eliza Mary, cousin, coincidence? Since Eliza Mary seems to have died prior to 1838 I have no idea of where she was born except I had assumed it to be in the Kelvedon near Colchester area of Essex about 1800. Perhaps Emma Fairhead helped to look after Hilary's 3 children after the death of his wife and they eventually married. Where did they marry - Essex, Kent, London? At least I know that Hilary was living on High Street as early as 1842 so perhaps I can locate the family on the 1841 Census.

Someday all will become clear - perhaps!!!!

Yours truly,

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